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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Administration of FY 1999 Appropriation for Wastewater Treatment
Projects for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

FROM: Richard T. Kuhlman, Acting Director
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TO: Water Management Division Directors
Regions IV, V, VI, VIII, IX and X

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of tribal projects identified to receive funding through the Agency's 1999 Appropriations Bill (P.L. 105-277) for the Clean Water Act (CWA) Indian Set-Aside (ISA) Grant Program. The Bill gives the Administrator authority to make available to Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages up to one-half of one percent of the FY 1999 Title VI (State Revolving Fund) funds (\$6,750,000) for construction of wastewater treatment facilities. These funds are authorized by Sections 518(c) of the CWA for the ISA Program.

The Agency used the Indian Health Service's (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) Priority Lists to identify twenty-eight projects to receive ISA Program funding. Projects on the 1999 Lists are ranked based on public health and water quality criteria. My staff worked with Regional staff and the IHS Area Offices to determine the current status of projects within the funding range. (Regions I, II, and VII did not have projects on this year's Lists that were within the funding range.) Based on the completion of this review, I am transferring funds to Regions IV, V, VI, VIII, IX and X for grant award for the following projects:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Big Cypress - Seminole Tribe	FL	IV	\$ 390,000
Neopit Lagoon - Menominee Tribe	WI	V	\$ 266,000
Creek Nation - Muscogee Tribe	OK	VI	\$ 123,000
Jicarilla Apache Tribe	NM	VI	\$ 223,000
Pueblo of Taos	NM	VI	\$ 5,000
Four Bears - Fort Berthold	ND	VIII	\$ 430,000
Ethete Lagoon - Northern Arapaho Tribe	WY	VIII	\$ 31,000
Elmo Lagoon - Flathead Reservation	MT	VIII	\$ 75,000
Newcomb Lagoon - Navajo	NM	IX	\$ 215,000
Canoncito Lagoon - Navajo	NM	IX	\$ 300,000
Kaibeto Lagoon - Navajo	AZ	IX	\$ 700,000
Church Rock Scattered - Navajo	NM	IX	\$ 100,000
Blanco Canyon Phase I - Navajo	NM	IX	\$ 210,000
Mexican Water Toda South II - Navajo	AZ	IX	\$ 92,500

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McCracken Mesa Extension - Navajo	UT	IX	\$ 91,000
Kayenta-Dennehotso Scattered - Navajo	AZ	IX	\$ 118,500
Hon Dah Homesites (White Mount. Apache)	AZ	IX	\$ 562,000
Guadalupe Sewer (Pasqua Yaqui Tribe)	AZ	IX	\$ 23,000
Comobabi East Sewer (Tohono O'odham)	AZ	IX	\$ 118,000
Fresnal Village Sewer (Tohono O'odham)	AZ	IX	\$ 88,000
Round Valley Sewer Phase II	CA	IX	\$ 101,000
Chevak Native Village	AK	X	\$ 481,000
Egegik Native Village	AK	X	\$ 247,000
Allakaket Native Village	AK	X	\$ 740,000
Tanana Native Village	AK	X	\$ 515,000
Kongiganak Native Village	AK	X	\$ 361,000
Shoalwater Bay Tribe	WA	X	\$ 64,000
Wellpinit Water and Sewer System	WA	X	<u>\$ 80,000</u>
	Total		\$6,750,000

These projects are to be managed using CW ISA Program policies and guidelines or those of the Indian Health Service's Sanitation Facilities Construction Program. I ask that all grant awards be made to tribes by the end of this fiscal year.

Although this funding is not substantial, I am pleased with the progress we are making to address tribal sanitation needs. With this year's appropriation, we will have made over \$85 million available through the ISA Program for over 200 tribal wastewater systems. As you administer your other grant, loan and assistance programs, I ask that you look for opportunities to provide more financial and technical assistance to tribes. Increased coordination with other Federal agencies and national associations is an effective way to augment the delivery of wastewater-related services to tribes.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 260-5859 or have your staff contact Sylvia Bell, the National CW ISA Coordinator, at (202) 260-7255.

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